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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1916.

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FORD'S PEACE PARTY

Impressions of Copenhagen

By J. E. Jones.

It was a night's ride from Stockholm to Malmo, on the southern peninsula of Sweden, and then an hour and a half by water to Copenhagen. There were quite as many evidences of the war between these two points as we had seen while in the war zone. Denmark is making as little show as possible, but as a matter of fact she is armed to the teeth. As we neared her coast, cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, and other ships of war were always in sight. The harbor of Copenhagen is thoroughly mined, and our little craft picked its way very carefully between the "sign posts" which marked the passage of safety. By referring to the map, it will be found that Denmark is next to Germany and in close proximity to Russia, the British Isles, and continental Europe.

Denmark is officially and outwardly the most neutral of nations, but I have met a number of Americans who evidently are here for a purpose, and I am convinced that they are not stringing me in the "confidential information." I have received from them to the effect that Copenhagen is the clearing house for war supplies to Germany and the other central powers. It does not mean that Denmark is in favor of the cause of the countries that are buying goods through her; but the Danes are remarkably good merchants, and though I am not at all sure as to the details, yet it seems reasonably certain that the millionaires will increase here in about the same proportion as in the United States, as a result of the war.

Copenhagen has nearly seven hundred thousand people, and as there are less than three million people in the country, its population would seem to be out of proportion. But it is the outlet for southern Sweden, which fact helps to adjust the seeming disproportion. One is naturally impressed by the difference between this and all other cities. All over the city there are great squares, and triangles, through which car lines diverge from every point. In the center of these squares is usually some statue, or possibly a public building. In the particular square in which our headquarters have been maintained sits the great town hall of Copenhagen. It is a model public building, roomy and elegant, and it cost but a half million dollars. It will compare favorably with the municipal or public buildings of the United States that have cost many times as much. The streets are narrow and at irregular intervals there are openings about the size of an American alley. These are covered and lead into large courts, which are open in the middle, but the passage way extends through to the other streets. In the business district these avenues for pedestrian traffic lead you into shops and business establishments of every description. In the residence portion, one finds a large bell before being admitted into one of these courts, and having gained admission, there is a regular settlement or village within the gates. In the case of residence quarters, which might be described as a substitute for our apartments in American cities, we found entrances from off these courts into stairways.

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MRS. MARY A. NEEDHAM.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Needham was held at her late home, Monday afternoon, March 1st, 1916. Mrs. Needham had been ill several months, having suffered from a large tumor before being admitted into one of these courts, and having gained admission, there is a regular settlement or village within the gates. In the case of residence quarters, which might be described as a substitute for our apartments in American cities, we found entrances from off these courts into stairways.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers set us in our late bereavement.

Mrs. O. J. Cross,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw,
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cross,
Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cummings,
Mr. Arthur Cross,
Mr. Elmer Cross.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Veda Burhoe was absent, Monday.

Gladys Spearin was absent, Friday.

Buy a carnation at the Fair, Thursday.

William Hall spent the week end at Holden Hall.

Viola and Eva Bartlett visited classes at the Academy last Friday.

When you come to the Fair, Thursday, try your luck in the Sophomore fish pond.

The Seniors are selling tickets for the Chapman concert, which is to be given March 10.

The Bandanas played the Alumnus in a game of basketball and lost with a score of 19 to 2.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting has been postponed until Tuesday on account of the Academy Fair which comes on Thursday.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting will be held this week, Wednesday evening at 6.45. This is to be a Jubilee meeting, led by Ermine Rabideau.

Jennie Bean, Nina Briggs, Annie Cummings and Yvonne Brown were detained at Holden Hall for the week end on account of the bad traveling.

Miss Helen Farquhar and Miss Ethel Cutler, National Specialists in religious work, will visit the Y. W. C. A., March 29 to April 2. Miss Cutler will give a series of bible lessons.

Owing to the bad weather the girls have not been able to do as much socializing as usual. It would be esteemed a great favor if those who have not been asked would send something for the supper, Thursday.

In connection with the Fair, a cafeteria supper will be served from six to seven o'clock. There will be the following menu: salads, scalloped dishes, cake and coffee. A few small tables will be provided for those who do not care for the cafeteria style of serving. Dr. Tuell will make the coffee as usual. Light refreshments will be served during the afternoon, tea by the alumnae, and ice cream and sherbet by the Y. W. C. A. girls. At seven-thirty there will be a short program composed of music and two farces—"A Packet for Poppy" and "No Men Wanted." These have been gotten up in a short time and under difficulties but we hope they will please the audience.

BAD FIRE AT BETHEL.

Pushard's Drug Store a Total Loss.

What promised to be a very bad fire was discovered Sunday morning about 5.15 in the block owned by W. W. Hastings and occupied by H. S. Pushard as a drug store, Archie Somerville as a residence and the dental offices of Dr. Tuell and Dr. Brown.

The fire evidently caught in the basement, but the exact cause or place is not known, and was discovered by the children, sleeping on the third floor, being awakened by the smoke. Before the hose companies could get into action the drug store was a mass of flames and smoke was pouring out of the windows above. The fire quickly ran up through the partitions into the attic and the only hope of the firemen was to save the surrounding buildings. Fortunately there was no wind and the fire was confined to the northeast corner of the building and the roof. Only the walls are now standing and it is a desolate looking place.

Mr. Pushard, who had a very nice drug store, lost everything except his books. He is as yet undecided just what to do. He carried insurance, but Mr. Somerville succeeded in saving a very few things, but had no insurance. Doctors Tuell and Brown were more fortunate than the others as they were able to remove nearly all their tools as the fire did not reach their offices until the last. They are now making arrangements for another office.

The building was partially insured and it is understood that Mr. Hastings will rebuild at once.

NOTICE.

Having leased the H. D. Hastings blacksmith shop I am prepared to shoe horses and oxen, also job work, and solicit your patronage.

JESSE BENNETT,
Bethel, Maine.
Say you saw it in the Citizen.

TRISTRAM H. DURELL

An Appreciation

Few persons would be so missed among us as will he who has suddenly gone forth into the Unknown. It was fitting that his last act should be one of service. His whole life has been of that fine quality.

Those who have so long leaned upon this efficient, faithful, willing, loyal man know that in his death they have met a loss which is irreparable.

His life has been full, rich, and happy, beyond that of most men. Three of nature's best gifts, the skillful hand, the seeing eye, the cheerful spirit, have transmuted for him a life of toil into one of happiness.

We have often pictured Mr. Durell in a workshop of mediæval Italy where men with kindling eyes and cunning hands wrought things of imperishable beauty, finding joy in their craft. He would not have been out of place among them. For he too knew the "Eden of the craftsman's brain."

Everything was of interest to him—birds, flowers, trees, books, art, science, people—everything which came his way. He saw beauty everywhere. Daily, hourly, he was refreshed by her gracious Providence.

We have seen him brave, patient—more, serene and cheerful—under what most men would have counted hardships. Through years of distressing illness of those most dear to him he never faltered in his great task of devotion, an ungrudging, happy devotion, which gave no hint of strain or toil.

He has fallen in none of life's duties. He has met them all squarely, with a wholly unconscious heroism. He has envied no man his riches. Always he has done the day's work, cheerfully, honestly, and to a great purpose.

We are glad to think of the peculiar comfort and satisfaction of the last days of his life and of his pleasure in the beautifying of the old mansion which he loved and whose treasures he has so jealously guarded. We are glad that he has known that we have all shared and rejoiced in his happiness.

He has loved beauty. He has lived reverently in her presence. He has worked faithfully. He has walked uprightly before his fellowmen. He has nobly shared the Common Lot. Such a life has brought constantly its own exceeding great reward. We as a people are today the better for its example and shall have its memory.

Tristram H. Durell, who died early Sunday morning as the result of heart strain caused by overexertion at the fire was born in Massachusetts 60 years ago, the son of Tristram and Olive Morse Durell, but came to Bethel from Mechanic Falls about 1880. On December 18, 1892, he married Miss Ada L. Twitcheil of Bethel who died in 1913. One son, Daniel T. Durell, survives him. Mr. Durell possessed a remarkable gift for fine wood carving and truly artistic specimens of his work adorned the quaint room of the old homestead on Broad street. For many years he was employed by the Bethel Chair Company as wood carver.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Little officiating.

MRS. JANE COOLIDGE.

Mrs. Jane Coolidge passed away Sunday evening, Feb. 29, at her grandson's, Edgar Coolidge, near East Bethel, with whom she has made her home for the past eight years.

She was born in Somersworth, N. H., Aug. 3, 1829.

For the past two or three years she has read and sewed a great deal without the aid of glasses.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Clara Champlin, of W. Roxbury, Mass., an only son, John P. Coolidge, two grandsons, Edgar and Hollis Coolidge, and twelve great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at her late home, Wednesday, Rev. J. H. Little officiating and Mr. Roberts of Hanover conducting the funeral. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel.

FOR SALE.

The farm known as the E. W. Barker place. Over thirty acres in tillage and ten in pasture; three-fourths mile to R. R. Station and village; two-story house, ten rooms, shed connected; barn, 66 feet by 35 feet, stable connected; buildings in good repair; also wood lot of twenty acres, one and one-half miles from farm that will sell if desired.

P. M. BARKER,
Bethel, Maine.

GRANGE NEWS

LONE MT. GRANGE.

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular meeting, Saturday, Oct. 19. The meeting was opened in form by W. M., L. R. Thurston with twenty-five present. The treasurer reported that he had received \$6 from the drama when given at Hanover. Recess for dinner. The lecturer gave the following program:

Is it more profitable to send cream to the creamery or make butter? J. E. Talbot, J. B. Littlehale, W. W. Perkins, E. M. Bailey, J. L. Bailey.

Reading, W. W. Perkins.
The meeting closed in form by W. M.

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange held its last regular meeting, Feb. 24. Officers absent at roll call: Treasurer and Secretary. The literary program was as follows:

Opening Song, Choir.
Roll Call, Washington and Lincoln Quotations.
Sketches on the life of Washington, His Farewell Address.

Read by Rev. J. H. Little.
Two love letters written to Martha Dandridge Curtis.
Read by Mae R. Bartlett.
Sketches on the life of Lincoln, Levi Bartlett, Rev. Mr. Little.

Piano Solo, encore, Gladys Spearin.
Reading, Marie Brown.
Closing Piece, "America," Choir.

Next meeting to be held March 9th.

NORWAY GRANGE.

Despite the unfavorable travelling Norway Grange held a successful meeting on Feb. 28. Owing to the enforced absence of the Worthy Master and Overseer, the W. Lecturer gave precedence to W. Steward Arthur Buck who presided through the day. Chas. Frost acted as Overseer; Willard Buck, Steward; Edgar Dunn, Assistant Steward; Hattie Buck, L. A. Steward. The forenoon was devoted to routine work and balloting. Several proposals for membership were received. Prof. Yeaton and the several boys that came in the interest of the Corn Club were dinner guests of the grange. The real organizing of the Club was deferred until March 18, on which date Prof. Yeaton and Mitchell will be present. Prof. Yeaton gave a little talk on the work to the boys that were present, and also gave some very pointed facts on the topic, "Selection of Seeds," presented by the lecturer, Fred Grover and Grant Abbott; also added interesting remarks. Sister Oxnard gave an excellent quotation which embodied the virtue of caution in speech. Captains Godwin and Young then presented their programs which were much enjoyed. An all day meeting will be held on March 11. Dining room committee from N. G. T. On March 18 a special all day meeting will be held as before stated. It was voted to put Norway Grange hall at the service of the Pomological Society to hold a meeting on March 21. There will be work in the first and second degrees at the meeting of March 11 in the forenoon. Lecturer's program:

Music, Choir.
Four minute talks on—"A selection of a strong factor for improvement in the community" by Brothers Pierce, Delano and Frank Cox.

Reading, Sister W. O. Perry.
Paper, "Nutritive Value of Vegetables," Sister Merriam.
Current Events, Doris Longley.
The work of the contest will then go merrily on.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.
Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 150, West Bethel, held its regular meeting, Feb. 22, nineteen members being present. Officers absent at roll call: Chaplain, Treasurer, Flora, Cora, Pomona. One candidate was balloted on and one application was read and left to the investigating committee. Other business attended to. The following program was carried out:

Piano Solo, Helen Howard.
Quotations, Sisters Eagle, Mills, McKenney.
Story, By Brothers, Asa Howard, J. E. Pike, D. McLeod, L. A. Sumner.
Songs, Helen Howard.
Story, D. W. Cushing.
Remarks by Harry Head, J. Mather, on school.

Reading, Anna Stearns.
Sketches on the life of Washington and Lincoln, Emma Mills.
Closing Song, By the Members.

CASH PAID FOR HIDES, FELTS AND VEAL CALVES.

C. C. BRYANT,
Bethel, Maine.

A MEDLEY FOR GOOD ROADS

Interesting Paper by Frank A. Brown, Bethel's 1st Selectman

Patrick Henry, in a stirring situation, cried, "Give me liberty or give me death." If he were alive now, motoring over the roads of Western Maine, I wonder with what strong statement he would meet the stirring and irritating situations sure to arise!

We spend a considerable portion of our lives in travel on the road. The sights and sounds of the highway, the difficulties of travel, the pleasures and the irritations, conscious and unconscious, of our daily comings and goings make up a highly important part of our existence. At the end of a half-hour's drive or walk, one's mood may be ruffled and contentious, or serene and vigorous, fit for the work at hand, according to the condition of the highway.

And other things less material than mud and ruts or their happy absence contribute no less surely to the mental state and hence to the practical efficiency of the traveler. To illustrate: Mr. Patterson, the Dayton Napoleon of business, not long ago observed that many of the houses along a mile or so of the streets through which he journeyed daily to add from his office were badly in need of paint. The idea no sooner occurred to him than he sent his secretary to each of the house owners with an invitation to paint up at Patterson's expense. The result was an immense improvement in the appearance of the district, and doubtless also in the morning humor of the observant President of the Cash Register Company.

To municipal officers and road commissioners such munificent courses are altogether denied. They have, however, within their own domain and within the limits of practical accomplishment a field of action no less effective. The spaces between the traveled portion of the roadway and the property lines could often be bettered at trifling expense. Sign boards could be newly painted and lettered and placed on painted posts at all turns. Bushes could be cut, piled, and burned. Small piles of stones, left as monuments each year, could find resting places other than by the side of the highways. In fact, the idea of beauty, once entertained, would find for itself numberless expressions. The day may be approaching when the roadbuilder will look upon his work in the spirit of the artist; and will perform for the community services not measurable by the standards of the market.

When the agitation for better roads began, principally from the automobile owners, farmers were inclined to complain that it was a city man's movement and for his especial benefit. You remember how often the farm horses were frightened by the first autos. Farmers cursed the autos with a right good will, but as the auto became more common, horses became accustomed to it, and there was less trouble. Then farmers began to buy autos, and at once the sentiment against the auto changed. There is less friction now between the good road boosters and the farmers, for they are getting together with the auto as common property. It creates the same good roads sentiment, and thus, in the past year or two the good roads agitation is spreading. There are a few here and there who object to increased taxes to improve roads, but on the whole everybody is more anxious to see every road made usable in every kind of weather. All that need cause any anxiety now among tax payers is with regard to the quality of the road improvement that is made with a dollar's worth of taxes. If through incompetency the tax money is being squandered, then such changes in official responsibility should be made as will give a dollar of road improvement for a dollar of road tax.

The time is at hand for co-operation between taxpayers and road commissioners. Do away with unscientific putting with the roads, and spend the tax money on permanent work, supervised by competent engineers. To illustrate: Bethel is situated among the hills of Oxford County, and the hills are numerous. The majority of our hilly roads lack the proper drainage, and why? Nearly every year a new commission takes a certain portion of road. Now the sides of our hilly roads are for the most part stony. The road machine passes along, but can get no filling as the large boulders predominate.

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WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

CLEANING AND PRESSING.

We make a specialty of cleaning Men's Suits and Lady's White Coats and Suits with the Dry Cleaning Process.

Suits pressed and repaired.

SWEATERS CLEANED.

Your laundry work is solicited.

We wash Wednesday, and Friday mornings.

DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY.

Ralph H. Young, Prop.

11-4-16, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—Hay and straw for the Massachusetts trade, write me particulars. Best of references.

CHAS. T. FOSTER,
Leominster, Mass.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.

ALBERT BURKE,
Bethel, Maine.

Telephones—Shop, 10—12; Res., 29—7.

WANTED—Intelligent, neat men to solicit orders for trees and plants from the hundreds of Spring planters in your section. Steady work. Good weekly pay. Glen's Nursery, Box 68, Rochester, N. Y. 2-10-16.

FOR SALE.

A Rebuilt Royal Typewriter, never used since purchased or since rebuilt. Price, \$40. Also will sell cheap, sulky plow, second hand U. S. Cream Separator, and gasoline engine. No decent offer refused.

HERMAN MASON,
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

A purebred Jersey Bull, 18 months old, can be registered.

STEPHEN E. ABBOTT,
Bethel, Maine.

R. E. D. 1,
2-17-31-p.

NOTICE.

On account of a change in business it is necessary that all accounts due me be paid by March 1st, otherwise I shall be obliged to leave them with my attorney for collection.

C. L. DAVIS,
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

I have two new sleighs, built this winter, best material and workmanship, hard spring steel shoes; will sell for \$10 off cost price. Inquire at F. J. Bartlett's shop.

H. P. PHILBROOK,
Bethel, Maine.

FOR SALE.

Holstein Bull, 21 months old, thoroughly bred but not registered; also 2 cows, 2 and 3 years old, due to freshen April 11th and 29th. Prices low if sold at once.

ALLAN A. BROOKS,
Grafton, Me.

Look Here

We are still offering our leather top rubbers, overshoes and all winter good at a liberal discount.

REPAIRING.

Gent's nailed taps, 50c
Gent's sewed taps, 60c
Ladies' nailed taps, 40c
Ladies' sewed taps, 50c
Good Rubber Heels, 35c

Children's taps and other jobs in proportion.

YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.

FREEDOM NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that I have given my son, Lester Lane, his freedom for the balance of his minority; that he is from this time on to collect his own wages; and that he is to pay his own bills; and that I shall pay no bills by him contracted henceforth.

F. E. LANE,
Union, Maine, Feb. 23, 1916.

New Things for Spring

You Should Begin Planning Your Spring Sewing Now.

Good variety of the new Gingham, Percales are here now. We would like to send you samples, or better still, have you visit our store and see our big assortment.

New Gingham, 12 1-2c

Best quality, fast colors. Plaid, stripes and plain colors.

Endurance Cloth, 15c

Just the thing for Children's clothes, heavier than Gingham. Fast colors.

Many new Dress Goods and Silks, 50c to \$1.50.

New Coats and Suits

are coming in now. Styles are very attractive and prices are very reasonable.

Coats, \$5.95 to \$19.50

Suits, \$12.50 to \$25.00

Dresses, \$5.00 to \$17.75

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NORWAY, MAINE.

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Lily White Flour

The kind the best cooks use.

GRASS SEED

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CHAPMAN CONCERT

MUSICAL EVENT OF THE SEASON

GRAND MATINEE

ODEON HALL

Friday Afternoon, March 10, 1916

AT TWO O'CLOCK

MISS FLORENCE AUSTIN

New York's Best Violinist

Criterion Male Quartette

The Finest Quartette in America

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN at the Piano

Tickets on Sale at Bosserman's. 25c-35c-50c

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Agricultural products are under the microscope, and the farmer and most attentive producers will heed the fact.

Crop fertilizers with New England Fertilizers will be the best because they will be the best what they need. Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potash, and Sulfur, all in one.

NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY, Boston, Mass.

Made from Bone, Blood and Meat

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BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Everett Smith was in Locke's Mills, Tuesday.

Judge A. E. Herrick was in Portland, Tuesday, on business.

Dr. Tenney came to Bethel, Monday, and will remain a few days.

Rev. W. C. Curtis attended the Missionary Conference at Norway, Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Carter of Berlin, N. H., was a week end guest of his mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

The next children's dancing assembly will be held in the Grange, Hall, Saturday evening, Mar. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland West of Errol, N. H., were guests of relatives and friends in town last week.

The Ladies' Club will be omitted this week, but will meet Thursday afternoon, Mar. 9, with Mrs. Angella Clark.

Mrs. Emily Cook of South Paris was called to Bethel last Saturday by the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Needham.

Messrs. H. H. Annas and G. D. Merrill were drawn as traverse jurors for the March term of court to be held at South Paris.

Mrs. Wm. Lowe and little grandson, Maynard White, went to Haverhill, Mass., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harris White, for a few weeks.

The Frances Willard Memorial meeting, which was to have been held at the Congregational Church, last Sunday evening, has been postponed to a future date to be announced later.

NORTH NEWRY.

The shovel handle men have finished work for H. O. Chapman, and are at W. B. Wright's.

This community was saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Russell Thompson, formerly of this place. She leaves a husband and nine children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland West passed through this place, Friday, with their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight played for a dance at Hanover, Wednesday night. A drama was given before the dance, by the East Ellis Dramatic Club, entitled, "The Village Schoolmarm."

Mrs. Walter Vail and children of Gratton were guests at F. C. Bennett's one day last week.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

"O, this world is full of sadness, Full of woe and pain and woe— Let us strive to scatter gladness, Deeds and words of love bestow."

Mr. L. Powers is sick and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kile of Gratton have taken his place as cook at the Carter camp.

J. H. Carter has recently purchased a new horse.

Mrs. Cora Farwell Sherwood has returned to Keene, N. H., and her relatives here, who have been ill, are improving.

Loggers are still busy hauling long lumber to Springer's mill.

The Stevens family are nearly all on the sick list.

Mr. Cromo went to Berlin and is back at work at the Carter lot.

Mr. Trank is hauling birch to Thurston's mill across the river.

A. M. Carter went to Berlin, recently.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Miss Nina Briggs recently spent the week end at West Bethel with relatives and friends.

Everyone was pleased to see Mr. W. A. Briggs with his car, Wednesday.

Clarence McAllister is working for C. H. Fernald.

Miss Nina Briggs spent last Saturday at her home.

Miss Irene Briggs called on Mrs. Lydia Fernald last Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. McAllister called on Mrs. Fernald one day last week.

WAR UPON PAIN!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. Put you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Bolster, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application. I was as good as new." March, 1915. At Druggists. 25c. Advertisement.

Mrs. A. E. Herrick was in Portland, Wednesday.

Ell Stearns and son, Roy, from Hanover were in town, Friday.

Mr. Lawrence Lavorgna was in Lewiston, Tuesday, on business.

Lila Bartlett from Locke's Mills is working for Mrs. Clyde Pike.

Mrs. E. C. Park and her mother, Mrs. Stearns, spent last Thursday at South Paris.

Mr. A. B. Buxton and son, Harry, were in Lewiston one day the last of the week.

Evelyn Chandler of Norway is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chandler.

Mr. Archie Somerville has moved his family into the Barker house just below C. K. Fox's store.

Misses Florence and Frances Carter of Portland were week end guests of their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Ola Bartlett from Locke's Mills was in Bethel, Friday to play basketball and was a guest of Mrs. Everett Smith.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. A. M. Clark, Tuesday afternoon. The birthday of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens was observed.

Miss Palmer, who has been with Mr. Ceylon Rowe, has returned to her home and Mrs. Will Philbrook of Greene is taking her place.

Miss Eva Bartlett of East Bethel visited Miss Helen Clark, Friday night, and played basketball on the alumnae team at Gould's Academy.

GROVER HILL.

Very rough travelling since the thaw. Mr. George Spinney still remains quite poorly.

Mr. A. J. Peaslee called on friends in the place, Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Shephard is going to New Gloucester for a few weeks with relatives.

Messrs. A. L. Whitman and M. E. Tyler have finished hauling birch to Springer's mill.

Mr. Albert Shephard has recently painted several rooms for Mrs. Maurice F. Tyler.

One of the little Stearns girls is the guest of her grand-aunt, Miss Mayberry.

MASON.

Freeman Bennett of Albany was in town, looking after hay one day recently.

H. N. Upton has been hauling and shipping his cordwood.

John Westleigh was in Lewiston on business one day recently.

J. A. McKenzie was at home from his work in Albany over Sunday.

Moses Bennett has hired Fred Tyler's horses.

John Eagle spent the week end at his home in West Bethel.

Bert Young from Lawrence, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Emma Young.

J. M. Philbrook of Bethel was in town, Thursday.

GREENWOOD CITY.

Deferred.

Mrs. L. B. Emmons is visiting in Portland this week.

Miss Violet Maxfield of Portland is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. E. H. Maxfield of Portland was in town last week, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Sylvester Cole is very ill with the grip and under the doctor's care. Her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Swan, is caring for her and Miss Gladys Frost of Norway is working for Mrs. Swan.

Mr. F. J. Cole was in South Paris on business, Saturday.

When Your Child Cries At night and tosses restlessly, you feel worried. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Break up Colds in 24 hours, Relieve Feverishness, Constipation, Teething Disorders, and destroy worms Used by Mothers for 23 years. All Druggists, 25c. Sample Free. Mother Gray Co., Lefroy, N. Y. 2-10-14.

Tired!

Are you tired? You don't succeed in everything you do an effort? Not in the least. You are ill. Your system needs a tonic. Your stomach, kidneys and liver need vibrating up. Nothing will do this better than

Electric Bitters

25c. and \$1.00 All Druggists

When You Come to Town Meeting----

Call and let me show you what a nice line of Watches and Clocks I have.

Mantel Clocks, \$1.00 up
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GOING HOME

A Picture That At The Day Touches The Heart and Women.

There is no picture in the hearts of men more tenderly than the figure of a woman going home at the day. The heat of the day, the intense high light has softened into a restful strain of effort is over and of work has given place of deserted fields and streets.

It was a normal instinct the worker forth, eager the morning; it is the deep craving which sends nightfall. The reward of rest which it achieves and rest is the sense that it has.

The alternation of day and symbol of the order of life work and rest succeed on a beautiful and healthy. The worker goes out of himself when he takes up his tools; he himself when he lays the self in the toil of his vitality as the water poured den spring; if he is a real not a mere drudge, he gives the toil of his hand and when night falls his wear mere fatigue of body; it is vitality. Before he can again he must find himself one goes home he finds himself.

To a vast multitude of thought of going home make est burdens bearable, the ing responsibilities a spur to most complete surrender of pleasure, not a sacrifice, gladly paid for a happiness beyond price. The strain of forgotten at the door which the peace of perfect understanding of hours and tasks by the sound of a voice which with love, faith and peace a homecoming there is not a prelude reward for the work that is ended; there is also of strength and courage that is to bring new strife.

The joy of going home is ease and comfort that at there; it is in the peace that love, the stillness that follows mult of storm, the clear air which the dust of the high and the worker sees again in which he is striving; in the of such a home the toil of only sweetened but its spring shines clear again after tion of details has vanished the heat and burden of the strongest man sometimes life means anything but strain of muscles and brain; ness of home its blurred end achievements shine above the highway when the been laid.

The home is not primarily for work but for life; work and beyond it, but the com which transforms a house in a sharing of the rewards freedom, repose, refreshment. There are houses full of comfort and luxuries in which no women; the men and women whom marriage is a mere moment there is no going home, for the spirit, no place of uing and vision. There are no these figures in the world, than these homeless men and restless, discontented and utterly blind to the tragedy in which there is no going home.

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Circle at Evening Tide.

GOING HOME.

A Picture That At The Close Of The
Day Touches The Hearts Of Men
and Women.

There is no picture which touches the hearts of men more closely or tenderly than the figure of the tired man or woman going home at the end of the day. The heat of the sun has passed, the intense light of mid-day has softened into a restful glow, the strain of effort is over and the passion of work has given place to the peace of deserted fields and streets.

It was a normal instinct which sent the worker forth, eager and alert in the morning; it is the response to a deep craving which sends him home at nightfall. The reward of labor is the rest which it achieves and the joy of rest is the sense that it had earned.

The alteration of day and night is a symbol of the order of life in which work and rest succeed one another in a beautiful and healthful rhythm. The worker goes out of himself when he takes up his tools; he returns to himself when he lays them down at night. In the toil of his hand and his vitality as the water pours out a hidden spring; if he is a real worker and not a mere drudge, he gives himself in the toil of his hand and his brain, and when night falls his weariness is not mere fatigue of body; it is depletion of vitality. Before he can give himself again he must find himself, and when one goes home he finds himself.

To a vast multitude of men the thought of going home makes the heaviest burdens bearable, the most crushing responsibilities a spur to effort, the most complete surrender of ease and pleasure, not a sacrifice, but a price gladly paid for a happiness which is beyond price. The strain of the day is forgotten at the door which opens into the peace of perfect understanding, the pressure of hours and tasks is relaxed by the sound of a voice which is musical with love, faith and peace. In such a homecoming there is not only the supreme reward for the work of the day that is ended; there is also the renewal of strength and courage for the day that is to bring new strife and toil.

The joy of going home is not in the ease and comfort that are waiting there; it is in the peace that flows from love, the stillness that follows the tumult of storm, the clear atmosphere in which the dust of the highway is laid and the worker sees again the ends for which he is striving; in the quietness of such a home the toil of life is not only sweetened but its spiritual meaning shines clear again after the confusion of details has vanished. Under the heat and burden of the day the strongest man sometimes wonders if life means anything but prolonged strain of muscle and brain; in the stillness of home its blurred ends, its ultimate achievements shine like stars above the highway when the dust has been laid.

The home is not primarily a place for work but for life; work lies below and beyond it, but the companionship which transforms a house into a home is a sharing of the rewards of work; freedom, repose, refreshment, vision. There are houses full of conveniences and luxuries in which no one is at home; the men and women who live in them are homeless. To such men and women as to the men and women to whom marriage is a mere social agreement there is no going home, no refuge for the spirit, no place of understanding and vision. There are no more in their figures in the world of today than these homeless men and women; restless, discontented and unhappy and utterly blind to the tragedy of a life in which there is no going home.

PUT SOME JOY INTO WORK.

A very bright girl said one day: "Oh, it is nothing but work, work, work—the same terrible sameness about everything every day. If I were only rich, and did not have to work." I smiled. "Kitty," I said, "you've got the wrong idea entirely. Why don't you open your eyes and look around you? If you find your work monotonous, it's because you've lost interest in it. Once a person loses interest in his work, then that work becomes monotonous, and the worker discontented. You say there's the same 'terrible sameness' about everything every day."

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"The world is filled with bruised hearts. Yours is not the only one, and, after all, what does the world care for troubles? Why recite our woes to a listener who is, perhaps, already bending beneath his own weary load, but who has the good sense to keep it to himself. You will find as you go through life that the more heavily burdened a person is the quieter she is about it. 'Oh, yes, the world's a fine place. I'm feeling O. K.' she will tell you, when in reality she is tottering on the brink of all health and failure."

"You take away with you the memory of her hearty hand shake and see again the laughter dancing in her eyes. She made no complaint about people or things. She looked the world squarely in the face, with a smile playing about her lips."

"Be thankful you have work to do, and take an interest in it. Work is God's best gift to man. Do your work so well that it will attract the attention of your employer and co-worker. Give the girl who sits next to you a helping hand now and then if she needs it, and notice the grateful, happy light that will come into her eyes. A pleasant 'good morning,' or 'good night,' adds to our coming or going. A kind remark to the elevator boy or scrubwoman will make them feel the world's a good place after all, and you the finest girl ever."

BEST TO FEED CHICKS
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Conkey Gives Grain and Mash Mixtures
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Without personal experience in chick feeding it is best for the poultryman to follow tested rations. The following rations have been adopted by an experimental station with very excellent results and I recommend that those without experience follow these as close as possible. After experience has been gained, then it will be time enough to make changes.

GRAIN.

- 10 lbs. Finely Cracked Corn (Sifted).
- 10 lbs. Cracked Wheat.
- 10 lbs. Steel Cut Oats.
- 10 lbs. Bran.

DRY MASH.

- 10 lbs. Bran.
- 10 lbs. Shorts or Middlings.
- 5 lbs. Cornmeal.
- 5 lbs. Meat Scrap.
- 5 lbs. Chaffed.

Plenty of some milk or buttermilk to drink.

Milk Very Good.

If milk is not available, meat scrap in mash may be increased to fifteen pounds. Milk, however, is much preferred as the lactic acid has a beneficial effect on the digestive organs. Of course, dry buttermilk retains the full amount of lactic acid and in this convenient form makes a valuable addition to a mash. The grain is fed in the litter from the first and the mash is supplied in a suitable hopper when chicks are a week old. If it is desired to force the chicks rapidly, feed the mash moistened, once a day and give less of the cracked grain.

Other simple mixtures which can be used for small chicks are:

GRAIN.

- 3 lbs. Cracked Wheat.

2 lbs. Cracked Corn.

- 2 lbs. Steel Cut Oats.
- 1 lb. Millet Seed.

DRY MASH.

- 6 lbs. Bran.
- 6 lbs. Oat Meal (Without Hulls).
- 6 lbs. Cornmeal.
- 6 lbs. Shorts.
- 1 lb. Good Fish Meal or Beef Scrap.

Variety of Feeds Used.

After the chicks are a month old, gradually increase the animal matter, preferably a mixture of fish and beef scrap, to 15 per cent. For growing chicks, until they are about three months old, a variety of combinations in grains might be used. The following should be found satisfactory.

(1)

- 1 part Hulled Oats.
- 1 part Cracked Corn.
- 2 parts Wheat.

(2)

- 2 parts Cracked Corn.
- 1 part Hulled Oats.

(3)

- 2 parts Wheat.
- 2 parts Cracked Corn.
- 1 part Hulled Oats.
- 1 part Millet Seed.

Cornell Ration Good.

The Cornell growing chick ration for range stock is:

GRAIN.

- 1 part Wheat.
- 1 part Cracked Corn.

MASH.

- 1 part Wheat Bran.
- 1 part Cornmeal.
- 1 part Middlings.
- 1 part Beef Scrap.

One pound of bone meal is added to every twelve pounds of the above mixture of mash. This is usually fed in a hopper. Give the mash moistened, once per day, if you desire to hasten the growth of the chick.

Feeding Broilers.

Where chicks are raised for broilers they should be fed the same as other chicks for the first three weeks. Then the idea is to produce a plump carcass weighing from one and one-half to two pounds as soon as possible. Heavy feeding is necessary and as this process does not have to be kept up for any length of time, the digestive organs can be taxed to the limit. At the beginning of the fourth week, a mash should be fed once per day and an other mash feed added the fifth week. When five weeks old, three moderate mash feeds should be given each day, finishing up with a little grain scattered in the litter to induce exercise. Best results are obtained by feeding four or five times a day. When mash is not used, a mixture of whole or cracked grains, largely corn, as well as green food should be given. The last two weeks, the bulk of the feed should be mash.

A Different Mash.

The mash that is fed broilers is different from that given ordinarily to chicks. A mixture of five parts corn meal, four parts wheat bran and six parts ground oats (without hulls) should give good results. If oats without hulls cannot be obtained, substitute middlings of about half the quantity. Oats with the hulls should never be used. In moistening the mash, never make this sloppy but merely crumbly.

Add These To The Mash.

A little bone meal, ground charcoal, a small quantity of clean sand and a very little salt will be found excellent in the mash. Animal food should be given broilers and green food should be supplied daily. Broilers should not be allowed a free range or the use of large yards. However, do not keep them overcrowded as this will produce an unhealthy condition. Under favorable conditions, the broiler should be ready for the market in about eight to ten weeks.

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CANTON

The Ensemble orchestra of Canton furnished music for a grand Leap Year ball at East Dixfield, Friday evening.

Will Ellis is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert and son, Ralph, have been to Portland on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Bicknell, Sherman Dillon and Ruth Johnson attended a drama at North Turner, Tuesday evening.

Supt. Payson Smith and wife are spending a few weeks in Dayton, Fla. Their son, Norman, is visiting relatives in Canton during their absence.

Mrs. Gilman Rose is ill with the grip. Mr. Rose and son, who have been ill, are recovering.

Mary I. Richardson spent the week end at her home in town.

One of the happiest social affairs of the season was that held at Masonic hall, Tuesday evening by Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S. The chapter not only celebrated Washington's birthday, but also the birthday of one of its esteemed members, Mrs. Martha J. Childs, which falls on Feb. 22. The hall was appropriately decorated with large and small flags. At the close of the meeting quite a number of visitors came in to enjoy the social time. The first on the program was a mock initiation with Mrs. Childs as candidate, which created a good deal of merriment, as this new member was added to the Martha Washington Society. This society which was dedicated to truth, patriotism and woman suffrage was presented over by the W. M., Mrs. Clara Mendall. After being presented with several gifts appropriate to the occasion, at the close of the initiation Mrs. Childs was greatly surprised upon being presented a silver berry spoon with her initial and Feb. 22, '16, O. E. S., engraved upon it. The fine engraving was the work of G. L. Wadlin. The whole affair was a surprise to Mrs. Childs who is a past matron and has been a faithful member of this Chapter for 21 years, being treasurer eleven years. She now holds the office of Martha. A song by little Evelyn Woodward with Miss Marguerite Hollis, pianist, and chorists singing by the young people was much enjoyed. Next came a contest of pictures. The faces of well known personages were cut from magazines and papers and dressed up in all manner of costumes. The one guessing the most out of the collection of about sixty was given a prize. This went to Miss Alice Nulty, who guessed 47. Arthur Johnson secured a valuable book as a booby prize. After a fine supper of ice cream, cake, sandwiches, margarine and candy, another contest was enjoyed. The one forming the most words from the word "Washington," in the space of ten minutes, was given a framed picture of George and Martha Washington. This was won by Miss Lila Allen, Mrs. A. H. Adams receiving a delegation from the circle at Canton Point. About 100 sat down to an appetizing dinner, the families of the members and the school teachers being invited. The tables looked very attractive with miniature hatchets for souvenirs and cherry napkins. At the business meeting new members were added to the circle. The entertainment consisted of Victrola music, readings by Mrs. Helen A. Eastman and Miss Marguerite Hollis, and a sewing contest which was won by Miss Maude Ellis, who received a prize of a silver thimble. Mrs. Ethel Woodward

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1916.

Warrant for Town Meeting

To Fred B. Merrill, a citizen of the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING:—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in—Odeon Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 6th, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.

Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To establish the number of Road Commissioners to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioners shall receive for their services.

Art. 11. To choose one member of the School Committee.

Art. 12. To choose a Fire Ward for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To establish the price per day that the Fire Ward shall receive for his services.

Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money equal to the amount overdrawn for school purposes on Feb. 1st, 1916.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purchase of text-books for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuitions in secondary schools.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$25.00 for the purchase of flags for schoolhouses, as required by law.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to appoint a school physician.

Art. 22. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to maintain a school at North West Bethel, North Bethel, Middle Intervale or Swan Hill.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the breaking out of winter roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to buy a road roller and appropriate money to pay for the same.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept the road at West Bethel, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from the main highway to estates owned by Henry Cross and H. H. Hastings, and raise money to pay the land damage as awarded by the Selectmen, namely:

For land taken from Mrs. L. E. Bean, \$50.00

For land taken from Henry Cross, \$10.00

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$25.00 in payment for land damage to D. C. Estes for land taken for a new road, leading from the Elliott Estes place, made necessary by a bad washout.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 29. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$660.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to comply with Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1915 with respect to the employment of a road patrolman for this coming season.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the sewer system.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of cutting bushes in the limits of highways, as required by law.

Art. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Post, G. A. R.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to pay for the Collector's bond for 1916.

WEST BETHEL.

Bert Farwell has returned to his home in Boston, Mass., and his brother, Robert, has come to assist in caring for their father, Edgar Farwell, who is still seriously ill.

Mrs. Thaddeus Luxton is in very poor health.

Mrs. Horace Walker has gone to Boston.

The ice went out at the ferry so there is no crossing with teams.

NORTH HARTFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carter have moved to their new home in Canton.

James Billings, who has been a great sufferer of rheumatism, is somewhat better at this writing.

Freeland Farnam cut one of his work horses very badly while working in the woods.

Sumner Decoster sold a yoke of steers to Frances Jordan very recently.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republican voters of the town of Bethel are requested to meet at the court room in Bethel Village, Saturday, March fourth, at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose:

First. To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Clerk.

Third. To choose four delegates and four alternates to the Republican State Convention to be held in City Hall, Portland, Thursday, March 23, 1916.

Fourth. To choose four delegates and four alternates to the Second District Convention to be held in City Hall, Portland, Thursday, March 23, 1916.

Fifth. To choose a Republican Town Committee.

And any other business that may come before the meeting.

Dated at Bethel this 23rd day of February, A. D. 1916.

Per order, Republican Town Committee, FRED B. BEAN, Chairman.

HERMAN MASON, Secretary.

One day, John, aged three, came running to his mother in deep distress.

Upon inquiry the mother learned the cause of his tears.

"Mamma," wailed John, "Charles drew a picture of I got drowned, and he wouldn't draw a picture of he help me out!"—Judge.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300.00 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of its books during the ensuing year, for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to hold a Good Roads Day this coming summer.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$50.00, the amount awarded by the Selectmen, to pay damage done to the estate of Miss Ann M. Robertson by the raising of the sidewalk in front of her residence.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain electric lights on the Androscoggin River Bridge.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to accept in trust, from the estate of the late Eli L. Bartlett, five hundred dollars for the perpetual care of three several lots in the yard of the Riverside Cemetery Association, viz: the Spencer T. Bartlett lot, the Curatio T. Bartlett lot, and the E. Wallace Bartlett lot, the income thereof to be paid over to and expended by said association and its successors in the care of said lots and relettering and keeping up the monuments.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to reimburse N. E. Richardson for taxes paid by him in settlement with the town prior to his qualifying as Selectman in March, 1915, which taxes he was unable to collect, viz: For the year 1911, Joel Estes, \$2.00; John Hodgkins, \$3.50; James Hall, \$1.50; Thomas Poole, \$3.05; Clarence Thurlow, \$2.00; and Fred Taylor, \$2.00. For the year 1912, Everett Billings, \$2.00; Harvey Bennett, \$2.00; Ernest Brooks, \$2.00; Edgar Cummings, \$2.00; Geo. W. Currier, \$5.62; Chas. R. Cross, \$16.25; Geo. E. King, Jr., \$2.00; J. W. Lapham, \$2.00; H. M. Osgood, \$3.43; B. A. Putnam, \$2.00; Guy Smith, \$5.33; Jos. I. Spofford, \$2.00; Fred Taylor, \$6.75; Alfred Tripp, \$2.00, and Dennis Vashaw, \$2.00.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to reimburse F. H. Howe for taxes paid by him in settlement with the town prior to his qualifying as Selectman in March, 1915, which taxes he was unable to collect, viz: For the year 1913, John Armond, \$2.00; Philip Arsenault, \$2.00; Jos. Arsenault, \$2.00; Geo. M. Bennett, \$2.00; Clarence H. Berry, \$2.00; Sherman Cummings, \$2.00; Leslie Cummings, \$2.00; Lindsey Doray, \$2.00; E. S. French, \$2.00; Geo. Harrington, \$2.00; Frank C. King, \$2.00; Harry Kittredge, \$2.00; Edw. Lapham, \$2.00; J. W. Lapham, \$2.00; C. E. Murray, \$2.05; John Matherson, \$2.00; W. C. Newhall, \$2.00; Luther Perkins, \$2.00; G. M. Rolfe, \$2.00; Chas. F. Reed, \$2.00; Leon Ramey, \$2.00; C. E. Ramey, \$2.00; Geo. Spinnery, \$2.00; Jos. Spofford, \$2.00; Percy Taylor, \$2.00; C. E. Vail, \$2.00; W. E. Walker, \$2.00; Harris White, \$2.00.

And any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D. 1916.

FRANK A. BROWN,

N. E. RICHARDSON,

F. H. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

The Selectmen will be in their office Saturday, the 4th day of March, 1916, for the purpose of correcting the list of town voters, and hearing and deciding cases of applicants claiming the right to have their names on the voting list.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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WILSON'S MILLS.

Mrs. Sarah S. Bennett had the misfortune to fall down stairs last Saturday and break her collar bone.

School commenced last Monday with Miss Jones as teacher.

Roland Ripley and his sister, Mrs. Geneva Hart, have been to Berlin on business.

Mrs. Bertha Wilson has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Linnell.

Mr. Ray Linnell and wife were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. W. W. Linnell.

H. G. Bennett was home over Sunday from Thurston's camp.

TRADE & MECHANICS INS. CO. LOWELL, MASS.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$16,800.00

Mortgage Loans, 40,446.00

Stocks and Bonds, 362,280.00

Cash in Office and Bank, 5,705.30

Agents' Balances, 13,711.74

Interest and Rents, 1,585.05

All other Assets, 104.58

Gross Assets, \$440,642.68

Deduct items not admitted, 1,807.32

Admitted Assets, \$438,835.36

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,434.60

Unearned Premiums, 27,689.17

All other Liabilities, 20,840.20

Surplus over all Liabilities, 127,921.39

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$438,835.36

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$46,000.00

Mortgage Loans, 7,000.00

Stocks and Bonds, 757,454.80

Cash in Office and Bank, 18,461.47

Agents' Balances, 20,102.52

Interest and Rents, 11,829.66

All other Assets, 551.33

Gross Assets, \$910,399.34

Deduct items not admitted, 541.97

Admitted Assets, \$909,857.37

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$2,650.61

Unearned Premiums, 322,723.51

All other Liabilities, 119,051.28

Cash Guaranty Capital, 100,000.00

Surplus over all Liabilities, 365,432.97

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$909,857.37

AGENCIES: RUMFORD FALLS INS. AGENCY, Rumford Falls, Me. WALLACE R. TARBOX, Fryeburg, Me. W. J. WHEELER & CO., South Paris, Me. 2-24-31—R.

Buy you saw it in the Citizen.

RUMFORD

Friends of Miss Beatrice

ery of this town, will be

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Marlow of Conway, N. H.

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She will be accompanied by

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City, and Miss Emma Cla

Boston.

The Pulp and Sulphite

Workers will hold a whist

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The Christmas Club met

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port, Conn, where he has

active position.

RUMFORD

Friends of Miss Beatrice Jodrie, formerly of this town, will be interested to learn of her recent marriage to Fred Merrow of Conway, N. H.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Boston will come to Rumford in May to visit friends. She will be accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Peter Smith of New York City, and Miss Emma Chamberlain of Boston.

The Pulp and Sulphite Paper Mill Workers will hold a whist party in the Pulp Mill on the evening of Mar. 2, the proceeds to be sent to the New York strikers.

The Christmas Club met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Peabody on Penobscot street, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Ephraim, Henry of the Rumford Public Market has been spending a few days in Boston on business.

Richard Cutler, who has managed the howling alloys at Rumford Mechanics Institute for the past six months, left the latter part of the week for Bridgeport, Conn., where he has secured a lucrative position.

There will be a boxing exhibition at Cheney Opera House on Thursday evening, March 2. The preliminary will be between two bantams, 118 pounds. The main bout will be between Kid Larabee of Hildesford and K. O. Webb of Boston. The semi-final will be between Harry Ruff and P. I. McLeary, both of Rumford.

Mr. H. Oscar Burditt has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Dix, of Arlington, Mass.

Invitations are out for an auction bridge party to be given by Mrs. L. W. Blanchard and Mrs. Walter Morse at the rooms of the Business Men's Club on the evening of March 2.

Homer Latimer has severed his connection with the Maine Coated Paper Co., and has left for Chillicothe, Ohio, where he has a position, as assistant engineer in the Maine Pulp and Paper Co.'s Mill. Victor Millwood will succeed Mr. Latimer at the Coated Mill.

Miss Hattie Tulce of Waterville has succeeded Mrs. Perrault as forlady at the store of the C. H. McKenzie Co.

Clough & Pillsbury, the firm that has taken over the hardware business formerly conducted by Fred O. Walker, is now ready for business with a brand new stock. Both of these gentlemen came from Portland. For eighteen years Mr. Clough has been in the hardware business, associated with King & Dexter Co., and Talbot, Brooks & Ayer of that city. Mr. Pillsbury has also been associated with Talbot, Brooks & Ayer.

Mr. Charles H. Abbott of the Rumford Center road has sold his buildings at Rumford, formerly occupied by Cliff W. Elliott, to A. T. Belyea.

Mr. Pillsbury of the firm of Clough & Pillsbury, and wife have taken the rent on Knox street, owned by Roscoe E. Swain, and formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

Mrs. Albert Colcord of Portland is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Morris of Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hollo of Rumford avenue have been enjoying a trip to New York City.

The comic opera, "Bulbul," which is being rehearsed by a large party of local young people under the direction of Prof. C. F. Thiele, is to be presented here on the evening of April 25, which is the first Tuesday after Easter.

Miss Marguerite Abbott of Portland is the guest for several weeks of Miss Grace Doherty.

Judge Matthew McCarthy of this town and Hon. Albert Belliveau of County Attorney for Oxford County were speakers at a grand Democratic rally held in Lewiston on Friday evening last.

The Danton Lumber Co. have sold out every board in their mill to Massachusetts parties—an unprecedented happening, and are now scouring the vicinity to buy up all that they can find, whether in large or small lots.

Hon. Henry R. Porter of Auburn was in Rumford last week, going through to Ogunosco to look after his extensive lumbering interests in that region.

Walter Sawyer, engineer of the Union Water Power Co., was in Rumford last week, going from this town on to Middle Dam, in the lake region. He reports that unless we get heavy snow or rain this coming month, the outlook for fall is not bright.

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HERE'S PROOF

A Bethel Citizen Tells of His Experience

You have a right to doubt statements of people living far away but can you doubt Bethel endorsement?

Read it:

Scott N. Robertson, painter, Mason St., Bethel, says: "I had an attack of backache and as it did not seem to go away, I knew that I must take something. One of the family had been cured of similar trouble by Doan's Kidney Pills, so I got a box at Bosserman's Drug Store. They removed the trouble. It gives me pleasure to confirm all I said about Doan's Kidney Pills some time ago."

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ing the lake reservoirs this spring, does not look exceedingly bright.

The heavy rain of Saturday last was a serious injury to the lumber interests all along the Rangeley Division of the Maine Central Railroad and Androscoggin waters, as all low lands were flooded and small streams broken up. The ice going out of Swift River on Saturday night, flooded the tracks of the Maine Central at Hop City Flats in Roxbury, but with the turn to colder weather, the waters receded without damage to the roadbed. Unless more snow and cold weather hangs, many operators will be caught with pulp wood and logs left in the woods.

Mrs. Oliver A. Pettengill, Mrs. Robert Piorrault and Miss Victorio Orino left on Monday morning for New York City for a week's stay.

A parish supper was held at St. Barnabas church on Wednesday evening of this week. Following the supper readings and music were listened to, and a general good time enjoyed.

Mrs. H. L. Elliott returned on Saturday from North Abington, Mass., where she was called by the sickness and death of her mother, Mrs. S. G. Wyman.

Miss Mabel Chase will spend the coming week end at her home in Portland. The Rumford Lodge, No. 862, B. P. O. E., held their twelfth annual ladies night on Tuesday evening of this week in the rooms of the Business Men's Club at 8 o'clock. A half hour of sociability was enjoyed, then followed an entertainment as furnished by Scott & Day, original two-man minstrel show, and Thompson Blood, a humorous entertainer, both of which groups furnished unlimited fun and laughter for the audience. Following the entertainment an order of twelve dances was enjoyed, including mostly the dances of "Ye Olden Days." Webber's Orchestra of six pieces furnished the music, and a buffet lunch was served by Caterer Grant of Lewiston. Carnations were furnished for each lady, and cigars for each gentleman present. The great success of the affair reflects credit on the committee, composed of Arthur J. Landry, George G. Brown and Leon M. Small, who were untiring in their efforts to have everything as it should be.

Mr. Urban LeDoux, who has been in Rumford for many weeks past in the interest of the Majestic Theatre, which theatre has been leased by Mr. Gray of Lewiston, left town on Saturday, and the theatre will now be managed for Mr. Gray by Mr. Walters of the Cheney Opera House, who will from now on manage both picture houses of the town.

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WEST PARIS

The prize speaking contest of West Paris High School will be held at Grange Hall, Wednesday evening, Mar. 8, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Alice Wood has been drilling the contestants. Judges as announced are Mrs. M. C. Joy, Albert D. Park and Alton O. Wheeler. The program is:

Herve Riel, Browning
Carl Greenleaf Emery,
Speech of Regulus, Elijah Kellogg
Frank Carter Packard.

The Squire's Rooster, W. W. Neall
Mandulay, Kipling
John Sherman Billings, Longfellow
Lucy Marion Edwards.

Solo—Mother Macrae, Alice Borden
How Rubinstein Played, Anon
Earle Thomas Hollis.

Soul of the Violin, Margaret W. Morrill
Ralph Howard McAllister.
Sandy MacDonald's Signal, Leo Ross
Howard Rodney Emery.

Home to Our Mountains, from Il Trovatore, Verdi
School Quartette.

The Gipsy Flower Girl, Ed. L. McDowell
Mildred Helena Conant.

King Robert of Sicily, Longfellow
Earle Linwood Bacon.
Speech of Patrick Henry,
William Paul Whittier.

Music.
Awarding of Prizes.

A series of Evangelistic meetings are being held at the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Roberts is assisting the pastor, Rev. Sarah Robinson. The meetings have been well attended and will continue through this week. Mr. Roberts is an able and interesting speaker. On Sunday forty men gathered at Centennial Hall in answer to posters which were put out Saturday inviting the men to be present. A collection was taken to defray expense of hall and enough given to pay expense of hall next Sunday, when another meeting will be held. Sunday services have been well attended and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week Mr. Rennie of Bates College, who is a fine baritone singer, assisted in the singing. Tuesday the school children were invited to listen to a talk by Mr. Roberts. Altogether the meetings have been helpful and interesting.

II. W. Dunham is to build an addition to his store which will be occupied by Laurence Thomas for a meat market.

Mrs. William H. Lurvey and Mrs. E. J. Mann were in Norway, Tuesday. The rain and storm of Saturday made it necessary to postpone the regular meeting of W. Paris Grange.

Frank R. Andrews of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McAllister of North Paris, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann, L. H. Penley, Fred R. Penley and Guy A. Smith were among those who attended the auto show in Portland.

MANY CHILDREN HAVE WORMS.

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George McIlroy and wife, who have spent the past few months in Providence, R. I., have returned and all their friends are glad to welcome them. Our school superintendent, Miss Goggin, who has been ill with the grip, is gaining.

O. F. Woodbury was in Auburn on business, recently.

Chas. K. Knox is gaining.

Mrs. D. H. Sargent and son, Wilmont, of Rumford are guests of relatives here.

Dr. A. L. Stanwood, who has been ill for some time at his farm here, is able to be out again.

Many of the people here are ill with colds and grip.

Ripley Knox, an aged citizen of this place, passed away Sunday, Feb. 20.

Gerald Tracy is at home for a few days from his work at the Continental Mill in Rumford.

Mrs. Bertha Duffy, who has been with her father for nearly two weeks, has gone to her home in Massachusetts.

G. J. Tracy and wife are gaining from the grip.

BONGO POND.

Mrs. Belle Brown of Norway is stopping for a while with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Logan are rejoicing over the birth of a nine pound boy, born Feb. 16.

Guy Cummings is working for Abner Kimball.

Mrs. Isaac Wardwell is at Roscoe Emery's, caring for Mrs. Tom Logan.

Mr. Frank Emery, who has been very sick for the past week, is able to be about the house again.

ANDOVER

The town schools, with the exception of the high school, will close Friday for a three weeks' vacation.

Clarence Bailey broke his arm while working in the woods at Black Brook last week.

The Young Peoples' Whist met Thursday evening, Feb. 24, with a good attendance. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Newton, Miss Ellen Akers and Miss Rena Learned.

Frederick Pullman has been appointed agent for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Samuel Clark was in town a few days recently.

The King's Daughters met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Thomas. The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church have selected a new carpet for the church.

Mrs. Oliver Morrill is very ill. Herbert Campbell has gone to Byron to haul birch.

The 10th annual K. of P. ball was held in Union Hall, Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Smith's Orchestra from Mexico furnished music, and the grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lang, followed by thirty-four couples. An order of eighteen dances was furnished. The Pythian Sisters served a delicious supper of oysters and pastry at intermission.

The Grange Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Clarence Hall, Friday of last week.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening, Mrs. Alice Sweet won the lady's first prize and William Cushman the gentleman's first, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas the second. Refreshments were served.

John Hovey and family attended the automobile show at Portland last week. Ray Thurston was at home from Arizona a few days recently.

COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS.

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. Druggists. Adv.

EAST SUMMER.

Pleasant Pond Grange, West Summer, presented their drama, "The Black Heifer," at the Grange Hall, Tuesday night to a good sized audience.

Miss Mary Bryant spent several days recently with relatives in Rumford.

Mrs. John Bonney has been ill with the prevailing distemper.

Mrs. Leroy Russell has returned from a long visit with her sister in Farmington.

Ethel Eastman is assisting in the family of Washington Heald at North Buckfield.

Herbert Harlow is a great sufferer from rheumatism.

A. D. McIlroy is very ill at his home on Sumner Hill.

Samuel Heald, who has been the guest of his brother, J. H. Heald, has returned to Hebron.

George Heath is chopping wood for George Braden.

Mrs. L. M. Buck is improving from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Palmer.

Mrs. Minnie Osgood spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Bibeau.

The first big storm of the winter last Friday. The first time the roads have been broken.

If Mothers Only Knew

how often children suffer from worms, they would take care and guard against this common ailment of childhood.

Signs of worms are: Swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

Over 60 years ago Dr. True discovered the formula of Dr. True's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller. Since then people have been writing us letters like this: "My little granddaughter had pinworms very badly, and after taking part of a bottle of Dr. True's Elixir is very much better. Mrs. Georgia Philpot, Houston, Texas."

This remedy has a world-wide reputation as the one safe and reliable remedy for worms and stomach disorders for both young and old. At dealers, 35c, 50c and \$1.00. Advice free. Write me.

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THE RELIANCE INSURANCE CO., OF PHILADELPHIA. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$129,327.04
Mortgage Loans, 44,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 1,102,633.25
Cash in Office and Bank, 102,620.66
Agents' Balances, 202,242.17
Interest and Rents, 13,952.30
All other Assets, 5,682.90

Gross Assets, \$1,600,497.44
Deduct items not admitted, 47,567.89

Admitted Assets, \$1,552,929.55
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$80,345.57
Unearned Premiums, \$40,312.52
All other Liabilities, 23,132.34
Cash Capital, 400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 201,189.12

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,552,929.55
plus, RUMFORD FALLS INS. AGENCY, Agents, Rumford, Maine.

AMERICAN EAGLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, 80 Malden Lane, New York. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Stocks and Bonds, \$2,279,504.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 51,892.29
Agents' Balances, 73,106.42
Interest and Rents, 8,925.03
All other Assets, 18,250.00

Gross Assets, \$2,431,688.34
Deduct items not admitted, 59,784.05

Admitted Assets, \$2,371,903.39
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 7,742.75
Unearned Premiums, 110,005.72
All other Liabilities, 101,740.79
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,085,514.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,371,903.39
plus, RUMFORD FALLS INS. AGENCY, Agents, Rumford, Maine.

UNITED STATES BRANCH HAMBURG-BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HAMBURG, GERMANY. ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Stocks and Bonds, \$1,539,735.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 34,580.37
Agents' Balances, 255,71

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VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.
Montpelier, Vermont.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate, \$30,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 52,637.45
Agents' Balances, 209,388.51
Bills Receivable, 1,295.97
Gross Assets, \$332,491.94

Admitted Assets, \$325,491.94
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$20,857.45
Unearned Premiums, 45,541.14
All other Liabilities, 45,660.16
Surplus over all Liabilities, 233,473.29

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$332,491.94
2-17-16-P

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE
GLASS INS. CO.
Newark, New Jersey.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Mortgage Loans, \$400,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 249,174.79
Cash in Office and Bank, 63,629.29
Agents' Balances, 115,553.81
Bills Receivable, 1,150.00
Interest and Rents, 10,559.43
All other Assets, 500.87

Gross Assets, \$1,029,968.18
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 11,761.23

Admitted Assets, \$1,023,492.50
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,143.11
Unearned Premiums, 274,208.51
All other Liabilities, 45,541.14
Cash Capital, 400,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 233,473.29

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$1,023,492.50
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POEMS WORTH READING

A REVERIE.

By W. C. Smith.

With the day's labor ended and night's
shadows falling,
As I sit in my room while the March
winds are blowing,
In the shrieks of the gale I hear loved
voices calling,
As they called me of yore, in my
childhood, and knowing

That those voices are hushed, for their
life knows no waking,
I commune with my thoughts and in
fancy am carried
Back again to my youth, which I fast
am forsaking,
With the years which now fly as if
long they had tarried.

And I see once again the home circle
united
As in days which were bright tho'
they faded in passing,
If from sorrow today we are being re-
spected,
Yet, beyond all the sunshine, the
storm clouds are massing.

While the thoughts coming fast as they
follow each other,
Till they seem all my mind with a
shadow investing,
Now bring back to my sight the loved
form of my mother,
Who in death's dreamless sleep is so
silently resting.

Of the friends of my youth, there are
many now sleeping
In the churchyard, alone with the
damp mould above them,
With their memory all that is left to
the keeping
Of the stricken ones left, who still
cherish and love them.

There are some who proved false, there
are others true hearted,
Who stood firm in the sunshine and
also in sorrow,
I remember them all as I met them,
or parted.
While I wondered what Fate had in
store for the morrow.

Can it be that the wild winds of March
are now bringing
All the old memories back? As I sit
here and listen
To the sounds which partake both of
sighing and singing,
And does this cause my eyes with a
moisture to glisten?

Or yet, has it revived all the past and
is bringing
A dread loneliness to me, which
seems now defying
Both my pen and my thoughts, as it at
me to fling
All the past, as I gaze in the embers,
now dying.

As it flows where it listeth, and yet no
one knoweth
Where it came, if to mock us or
drive away sadness,
And there's no one who hears can tell
whether it goeth,
As it passes along in a whirlwind of
madness.

Are we careless today? And at grief
are we mocking?
Thinking only of joy, having no
thought of sorrow,
While the death angel now at the door
may be knocking,
And a voice which we love may be
hushed on the morrow.

While the sadness we feel is too deep
to be spoken,
Yet a heart which today may be
filled with rejoicing,
May wake in the morning to find the
storm broken,
And in place of the clouds see the sun
to be shining.

Then blow on ye wild winds, with your
discordant shrieking,
Tho' today we feel only a burden of
sorrow,
Yet a voice scarcely heard tells, tho'
quietly speaking,
Sorrow lasts but a day and joy comes
on the morrow.

THE BABY.

By Ethel M. Kelley, in St. Nicholas.
I use to be the baby
For the other baby came,
I didn't know that maybe
I'd have to change my name,
But now I'm only "Brother,"
He's "mother's precious pet,"
He's "guess she's stayed my mother,"
But I haven't said her yet.

I thought, though he was tiny
And he looked so very queer,
He'd get over being whiny,
When he found that I was here,
I thought before we knew it,
We'd be chummy as could be,
But I ain't a-goin' to do it,
'Cause he isn't nice to me.

She Baked Today With

William
Tell
Flour

Her bread
would take the
blue ribbon at
any domestic
science exhibi-
tion, her cake is
a marvel of fine
lightness—and
her pastry—you
ought to taste it!
All because William
Tell is milled from
Ohio Red Winter
Wheat by our own
process. Goes farther too—both
economy and good eating
served by ordering

William
Tell
Flour

I mustn't even hold him
Less he drops onto the floor,
An' it doesn't do to scold him;
It just starts him in to roar.
I am goin' on to seven,
And I go to bed alone,
But I wish he'd stayed in heaven
'Till he'd got a little grown.

P'raps some day there'll come an-
other,
It would be a funny joke:
Then he'd have to be the brother
An' he'd tell his "nose was broke,"
It would start him yellin' maybe,
But I'd tell him just the same,
That he couldn't be the baby,
When the other baby came.

THE LITTLE MAJOR.

At his post the little major
Dropped his drum that battle day
On the grass all stained with crimson
Through that battle night he lay:
Crying, oh, for the love of Jesus,
Grant me but this little boon,
Can you, friends, refuse me water,
Can you, when I die so soon.

There were none to hear or help him,
All his friends had early fled,
Save the forms outstretched around him
Of the dying and the dead.
Hark! they come! he hears a footfall,
How it makes his heart rejoice,
They will help, O, they will save him,
When they hear his fainting voice.

Now the lights are flashing round him
And he hears a loyal word,
Strangers they whose lips pronounce it.
Yet he trusts his voice is heard,
It is heard, O, God! forgive them,
They refuse his dying prayer,
Nothing but a wounded drummer,
So they say, and leave him there.

Now the moon that shone above him,
Veiled his face as if in grief,
And the skies are sadly weeping,
Shedding tear drops of relief.
But to die, by friends forsaken,
With his last request denied,
This he felt his keenest anguish,
When at morn he gasped and died.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate, \$10,997.79
Mortgage Loans, 42,500.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,349,666.75
Cash in Office and Bank, 230,448.13
Agents' Balances, 257,898.11
Interest and Rents, 17,110.67
All other Assets, 87,462.73

Gross Assets, \$3,056,094.18
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 75,565.89

Admitted Assets, \$3,000,750.29
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 609,350.57
Unearned Premiums, 990,225.54
All other Liabilities, 43,008.65
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 223,115.13

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$3,000,750.29

DELLEAU, ALBERT, Rumford.
BARKER, MELLON E., Rumford Pt.
CHADWICK, WALTER L., Rumford.
HOW, OWEN O., Hiram.
JONES, Wm., Dixfield.
KUSTIS, ALFRED E., Rumford Falls.
PAINES, HORACE B., Dixfield.
BIESE, JAMES, Rumford.
SWAN, FRANCIS D., Fryeburg.

2-24-16-O.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. Olive Hall, wife of Gibbs Wy-
man, died at her home in North Abing-
ton, Mass., on Monday, Feb. 21, aged
about 76 years. She and her family
are pleasantly remembered here in this
community as old neighbors, they hav-
ing resided for many years on the
Briggs place, just above the village.
Many here will regret to learn of her
death, a woman highly esteemed and
beloved among her former neighbors
and associates here. Of her four chil-
dren, one, Mrs. Mabel M. Elliott, re-
sides at Rumford Falls; Mrs. Della A.
Hathaway in Woodstock, while Walton
Wyman and Mrs. Ethel P. Littlefield,
reside at Abington, Mass. Her remains
were brought here Thursday afternoon,
accompanied by her son, for interment
in Lakeside Cemetery.

Fred C. Lurvey, recently of Walker's
Mills, has moved to South Woodstock,
where he will be employed in the mill
of A. M. Andrews.

Mrs. Cyril Foster was the guest last
week of her sister, Mrs. Irving Leigh-
ton, at Glenad.

Mrs. Lucinda Rowe, the oldest lady
in our village, celebrated her eightieth
birthday, Feb. 25th.

Joshua Richardson has leased his
store to Zenas Morse, the contract to
take effect March 1. Mr. Richardson
will occupy the building opposite the
store.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

C. W. Willey fell in his shed, Satur-
day, and was badly hurt.

G. B. Bartlett stills remaining in a se-
rious condition.

Mrs. Nell Moody visited with her
father at West Paris, Tuesday.

H. N. Bragdon of South Paris was
in town, Saturday.

Several from here attended the dra-
ma and dance at East Bethel, Thurs-
day evening.

On account of the bad weather there
were no pictures, Saturday night.

Mrs. Clara Brown was a guest at Ed-
son Bartlett's, East Bethel, Thursday,
and attended the drama.

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT IN-
SURANCE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Mortgage Loans, \$349,150.00
Collateral Loans, 37,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 437,016.25
Cash in Office and Bank, 70,124.34
Agents' Balances, 51,925.11
Bills Receivable, 13,919.28
Interest and Rents, 10,579.70

Gross Assets, \$885,014.68
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 62,482.20

Admitted Assets, \$822,532.42
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$143,006.21
Unearned Premiums, 214,937.50
All other Liabilities, 42,771.64
Cash Capital, 200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 232,717.07

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$822,532.42
2-24-16-O.

THE TRAVELLERS INDEMNITY CO.,
HARTFORD, CONN.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Mortgage Loans, \$405,053.00
Collateral Loans, 27,850.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,217,781.62
Cash in Office and Bank, 60,375.29
Interest and Rents, 35,668.67
All other Assets, 193,554.14

Gross Assets, \$3,003,982.63
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 157,513.63

Admitted Assets, \$2,845,569.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$333,308.42
Unearned Premiums, 825,509.04
All other Liabilities, 107,591.29
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 575,247.26

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$2,845,569.00
2-24-16-O.

ELMER L. LOVEJOY,
Rumford Falls, Me.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE CO. OF
NEWARK, N. J.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate, \$1,074,329.63
Mortgage Loans, 2,401,700.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,774,251.86
Cash in Office and Bank, 108,692.70
Agents' Balances, 481,851.00
Interest and Rents, 62,843.80
All other Assets, 6,635.01

Gross Assets, \$7,050,804.05
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 35,540.00

Admitted Assets, \$7,015,264.05
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$345,998.02
Unearned Premiums, 2,955,412.47
All other Liabilities, 36,115.53
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,709,837.43

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$7,015,264.05
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SIMONTON INS. AGENCY,
South Paris, Maine.

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For Your Baby.

The Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

is the only guarantee that you have the

Genuine

CASTORIA

prepared by him for over 30 years.

YOU'LL give YOUR baby the BEST

Your Physician Knows Fletcher's Castoria.

Sold only in one size bottle, never in bulk

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babies.

The Centaur Company, Chas. H. Fletcher

W. J. WHEELER & CO.

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

Annual Statements of a Few of the Companies Represented.

THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSUR-
ANCE CO.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate, \$ 131,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 103,500.00
Collateral Loans, 61,657.82
Stocks and Bonds, 6,820,503.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 285,893.30
Agents' Balances, 69,477.37
Interest and Rents, 104,240.40

Gross Assets, \$8,270,347.15
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 15,932.71

Admitted Assets, \$8,254,414.44
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 364,000.34
Unearned Premiums, 4,617,187.18
All other Liabilities, 67,500.60
Cash Capital, 750,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,452,629.52

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$8,254,414.44
2-24-16-W.

GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE
CO., NEW YORK.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915

Real Estate, \$1,870,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 53,150.00
Stocks and Bonds, 17,631,882.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 977,080.14
Agents' Balances, 1,736,274.91
Bills Receivable, 300,000.89
Interest and Rents, 152,231.52
All other Assets, 6,342.22

Gross Assets, \$22,461,151.69
Deduct items not admit-
ted, 99,525.39

Admitted Assets, \$22,361,626.31
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 929,025.12
Unearned Premiums, 9,030,192.28
All other Liabilities, 181,723.98
Cash Capital, 2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 10,217,684.93

Total Liabilities and Sur-
plus, \$22,361,626.31
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TRUSTEE ACTION RELATING
TO THE SUMMER TERM OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE.

At a recent meeting of the Board of
Trustees of the State University it was
voted to establish scholarships amount-
ing to \$7.00 each to be paid to teachers
attending the Summer Term who have
taught in a Maine high school during
the year 1915-16. These will also apply
to grammar school teachers if, in the
judgment of their superintendents, a
course at the University would be more
advantageous than a course at a nor-
mal school summer session.

After next summer the tuition to
residents of Maine will be advanced to
\$20.00 and the scholarship will be \$15.
The tuition for non-residents will be
\$25.00.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

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FOSTER & GONYA, Agents,
Rumford, Me.

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JOE

THE BOOK FARM

MAKING GOOD
ON THE LAND

By
GARRARD HARR

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SYNOPSIS

Joe Weston, fourteen years old,
to make a success of his father's
down farm. He reads the latest
books. Mr. Somerville, a merchant,
to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. He
reads him perform wonders with it.
Somerville, struck with Joe's
ability and ambition, backs him in
competitions.

Passersby on the road linger to
Joe operate. The sneers that
evidence at first soon give way to
surprise. Joe is showing them
thing as a farmer.

Joe's father's pessimism
fades away. He watches Joe work
and book farming and book farming.
He soon is as enthusiastic as Joe
conversion pleases Mr. Somerville.

Joe's corn is the wonder of the
side. With money he received a
commission merchant for his prod-
ucts a bank account, which he
exhibits to his father.

There is a constant demand for
Joe is raising. In the price com-
Joe makes 188 bushels on an acre
rest of \$12.00.

It is announced that Joe Weston
book farmer, won the first corn
his county. His father says, "So
powerful proud of ye."

Joe is overwhelmed with joy at
of a telegram that he also has won
championship. With the money he
off part of the farm's indebtedness
also wins trip to White House.

Joe describes to his mother and
his trip to the White House and
with the president. Then he goes
the farm which now is the talk
entire countryside.

Joe meets Tom Ralston, a boy of
his own age. Tom is from the north
is in quest of health. The Ralston
father is wealthy, and Joe and Tom

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CO., OF LONDON
BURGH, G. B.
DEC. 31, 1915.

\$8,475,947.11
Bank, 337,709.33
909,103.11
969,539.93
3,381.00
\$9,003,026.53
admit- 836,000.00
ets, \$9,007,000.53
B DEC. 31, 1915.
\$ 289,278.98
4,024,819.98
127,927.27
Liabilities, 3,932,572.72

and Sur- \$9,007,000.53

RANCO CO., Ltd.
ENGLAND.
DEC. 31, 1915.

\$ 82,779.41
2,706,924.41
Bank, 197,717.74
305,640.49
32,214.02
1,049.02
admit- \$3,396,117.09
ets, \$3,392,700.00
B DEC. 31, 1915.
\$ 147,700.72
1,711,111.00
44,717.07
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Liabilities, 1,776,138.80

and Sur- \$3,392,700.00

WASHINGTON IN
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
DEC. 31, 1915.

\$ 65,000.00
3,618,291.15
Bank, 341,757.84
718,757.84
17,811.71
91,574.53
945,117.87
admit- \$5,727,007.04
ets, \$5,689,932.75
B DEC. 31, 1915.
\$ 702,641.41
2,863,620.50
67,604.00
1,000,000.00
Liabilities, 1,035,663.25

and Sur- \$5,689,932.75

ONYA, Agents,
Rumford, Me.

JOE THE BOOK FARMER

MAKING GOOD
ON THE LAND

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SYNOPSIS

Joe Weston, fourteen years old, decides to make a success of his father's run-down farm. He reads the latest scientific books, Mr. Somerville, a merchant, agrees to help him.

Joe's father is pessimistic. He sneers at book farming and book farmers. Mr. Somerville, struck with Joe's business ability and ambition, backs him in prize competitions.

Passersby on the road linger to watch Joe operate. The sneers that were in evidence at first soon give way to looks of surprise. Joe is showing them something as a farmer.

Joe's father's pessimism gradually fades away. He watches Joe work. He sees him perform wonders with the soil. He soon is as enthusiastic as Joe. His conversion pleases Mr. Somerville.

Joe's corn is the wonder of the country-side. With money he received from a commission merchant for his product he starts a bank account, which he proudly exhibits to his father.

There is a constant demand for the corn Joe is raising. In the prize competition Joe makes 133 bushels on an acre at a cost of \$12.30.

It is announced that Joe Weston, the book farmer, won the first corn prize for his county. His father says, "Son, I'm powerful proud of ye."

Joe is overwhelmed with joy at receipt of a telegram that he also has won state championship. With the money he pays for part of the farm's indebtedness. He also wins trip to White House.

Joe describes to his mother and sister his trip to the White House and his talk with the president. Then he goes back to the farm which now is the talk of the entire countryside.

Joe meets Tom Ralston, a boy of about his own age. Tom is from the north and is in quest of health. The Ralston boy's father is wealthy, and Joe and Tom become fast friends.

Tom Ralston's father takes a grant liking to Joe and offers to back him and help him in every way. Joe finally accepts Mr. Ralston's offer of fifty loads of manure.

"Isn't it wonderful, pa, how this business of book farming opens up—one thing from another? And it is all so plain and so sensible and according to reason?"

"It sure is!"

"And just to think, we haven't got started good yet, pa! Why, we're in the A. B. C. class yet compared with those farmers up north and in the middle west. They are the best farmers in the world, I reckon."

"I guess they've forgot more things about good farming than we know," agreed his father, enjoying the sight of the calves as they reaped the young oats.

"Speakin' of A, B, C's, Joe, I'm sorter pestered about your droppin' school like you have. Do you think it's a good idea, son?" Mr. Weston had of late become painfully aware of his own educational limitations.

"No, sir; but it couldn't be helped this year. Besides, I can read well and do read all the time, and I'm learning things. And, to tell the truth, I've got about as far as I can go in this little school here. That is a mighty poor teacher."

"Well, you can't expect much of a teacher at \$15 a month. She does the best she can, I reckon," said Mr. Weston charitably.

"Looks to me like the state ought to pay more and get better teachers for the country schools. At any rate, I'm reading my school books when I have a chance, and reading these bulletins will help me. Education is knowing things useful to you."

"Who told you that, son?"

"The president. He said there wasn't any more sense in packing a lot of useless junk around in your head than in hauling it out in a wagon."

"Flora, be's right. I'm trying to educate myself to be a first class farmer. She wants to make me study chemistry—not agricultural chemistry. She wants to make me study algebra and astronomy. I've got about as much use for them as that calf there has. Take yourself, pa. You see what you've learned from reading good agricultural books. Well, I've been learning too."

"If you get that scholarship to that agricultural school I'll be a big help to you."

"Yes, and along the line I want to learn. I'm going to win it too. You remember that?"

"Competition's goin' to be fierce," warned his father.

"Yes, but I've another scheme, and it's real easy too."

"How, for goodness' sake?"

"Well, it's simple. Just in making as much corn as I did last year, maybe a few bushels more, but in holding down the expense in making it."

Mr. Weston looked at him, inquiringly.

"You see, I showed 'em how to make a big crop last year. It's easy. Just pile in the fertilizer about the ground has been well prepared and keep it worked good. And every boy is going to plunge hard on commercial fertilizer and nitrate of soda and potash and labor. They are not going to stop to figure the cost."

"I begin to see the point," grinned Mr. Weston.

"Well, this contest is judged as much on the low cost of producing the corn as on the amount. If I equal the best in the amount and beat them on the cost I win, don't I?"

"That's business! That's business!" enthused his father.

"But you're bound to use some nitrate and stuff."

"Yes, sir. The land isn't rich enough yet to make a big crop without it, but every pound of barnyard stuff I put in it requires just so much less commercial stuff."

"I'll help every way I can. If you see where I can be of any use count on me," assured his father.

CHAPTER XIV. Women Are Interested.

A. do you know anything about canning stuff?" asked Joe after full justice had been done to the savory squirrel pie and well baked turkey hen, both of which Joe had provided.

"Powerful little, son. Why?"

"Well, if you had a chance to learn would you?"

"Of course, if I had a canning outfit and somethin' to can."

"All right. Wait a minute." Joe left the table and returned with a pamphlet out of a bundle of several the mail carrier had left that morning.

"Here it is, one of the government bulletins. Gives you the whole thing right here. If you'll just study this until you get it fixed in your mind I'll buy you a nice canning outfit."

"That would be mighty nice and a big help next winter to have plenty of canned huckleberries and blackberries and plums and peaches and things to make pies of. We'd live high!"

"I'm going to plant a lot of tomatoes and snap beans. Those that ain't fancy enough to sell you and sister Annie can pick and put them up. There'll be plenty of them."

"There'll be you could make some money on 'em, wife," suggested Mr. Weston.

"I know what they pay for canned tomatoes wholesale."

"How much, pa?" inquired Mrs. Weston.

"They pay the wholesale grocers 80 cents a dozen and retail at 10 cents a can—\$1.20 a dozen."

"What do the cans and all cost to put 'em up?" persisted Mrs. Weston.

"I don't know, except from the report of the Girls' Tomato Club work. It says there that the cans and labels cost about a cent and three-quarters each and estimate cost of tomatoes and labor for each can at a cent."

Mrs. Weston did some mental arithmetic.

"Even then there's a fair profit in it. The person who grows the tomatoes and puts 'em up gets the cent. Really, the cost is a cent and three-quarters a can, ain't it?"

"I'll bet you could sell many a dozen to boarding houses and hotels in town at a dollar a dozen. It would mean an additional profit of 20 cents for you and a saving of 20 cents for them over what they'd have to pay retail," suggested Joe.

"It looks pretty good," announced Mrs. Weston. "You get me that canning outfit, and I'll make a try at it."

"All right. If I win that scholarship I won't be here next spring, ma, and you can have my prize corn acre to raise tomatoes on, and it won't cost you a cent for fertilizer. It will be plenty rich. You ought to clean up a pretty nice pile."

"All my life I've wanted some way to make some money of my own," said Mrs. Weston. "Now I see the way, and I'm going to follow it. You mean didn't think you are the only money maker. Just watch Annie and me with my chickens and canning outfit."

"Tell you another scheme, ma. I'll set aside three nice spring pigs. You and Annie fatten 'em up and turn 'em into that hot smoked sausage next winter. I'll bet you can make a lot out of that too."

"Well, that's a fine plan! Never thought of it. And I heard Mrs. Allen in town complainin' that she couldn't get pure pork sausage from the butchers any more—they filled it up with beef scraps!" enthused Mrs. Weston.

"We'll try that too."

"Isn't a bit of reason in the world why all the canned fruit and vegetables farmers buy out of stores shouldn't be put up on the farms. Save a heap of money," reflected Joe.

"Brid of that," chuckled Mr. Weston. "I see these here triflin' farmers buyin' canned tomatoes an' corn an' such an' haulin' it out where it ought to grow an' be saved."

"I know where there's a big pile of tomato cans behind the barn!" announced Annie proudly, trying to get into the drift of the conversation. The whole family exploded into a laugh.

"I'm guilty, sis!" chuckled her father. "Just as guilty as any of the rest of 'em, but I was sort of hopin' nobody would throw it up to me."

"We won't do it any more," assured Mrs. Weston. "You get me that canning outfit and I'll start practicin' on early vegetables—peas, beets and such. Then by the time tomatoes are ripe I'll be ready too. Can we afford it, though? These canning outfits are dreadful expensive, ain't they?" she asked with some apprehension.

"Oh, I don't know!" replied Joe easily. "The ones the Girls' Tomato Club use, tested and recommended by the experts of the agricultural department, costs about \$3.50, and the cans and labels a cent and three-quarters—maybe about a cent and a half if the label is not counted."

"My goodness! I thought a canning outfit would cost \$20 or \$25 or \$50 or some such awful price!" she exclaimed with relief.

To be continued.

STUART W. GOODWIN INSURANCE

NORWAY, MAINE

Statements of a Few Companies Represented

U. S. BRANCH
ROYAL INSURANCE CO., Ltd.,
OF LIVERPOOL, ENG.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$4,370,343.62
Mortgage Loans, 200,100.00
Stocks and Bonds, 6,594,985.43
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,108,530.30
Agents' Balances, 1,581,488.00
Interest and Rents, 99,633.06
All other Assets, 154,361.19

Gross Assets, \$14,109,441.00
Deduct items not admitted, 349,191.37

Admitted Assets, \$13,760,250.29
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 982,528.89
Unearned Premiums, 8,590,100.16
All other Liabilities, 295,005.52
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,352,554.72

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$13,760,250.29

THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Mortgage Loans, \$ 759,000.00
Collateral Loans, 30,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,343,911.66
Cash in Office and Bank, 626,146.66
Agents' Balances, 450,398.32
Bills Receivable, 69,552.10
Interest and Rents, 80,427.94
All other Assets, 15,089.67

Gross Assets, \$7,381,026.35
Deduct items not admitted, 162,001.27

Admitted Assets, \$6,018,935.08
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 287,706.23
Unearned Premiums, 3,056,650.35
All other Liabilities, 110,100.00
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,564,478.45

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,018,935.08

FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$ 58,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 106,443.77
Cash in Office and Bank, 5,741.19
Agents' Balances, 17,540.90
Interest and Rents, 1,153.53

Gross Assets, \$248,888.39
Deduct items not admitted, 3,785.82

Admitted Assets, \$240,092.57
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 6,058.35
Unearned Premiums, 168,260.30
All other Liabilities, 36,087.03
Cash Capital, 30,080.89
Surplus over all Liabilities, 30,080.89

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$240,092.57

THE LUMBER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., OF BOSTON, MASS.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Bonds, \$889,527.47
Cash in Office and Bank, 116,984.12
Agents' Balances, 21,012.64
Interest, 11,808.89
All other Assets, 15,740.30

Gross Assets, \$1,055,073.32
Deduct items not admitted, 50,007.00

Admitted Assets, \$1,005,066.42
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 5,631.25
Unearned Premiums, 251,436.60
All other Liabilities, 208,757.14
Surplus over all Liabilities, 539,781.13

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,005,066.42

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY
TORONTO, CANADA.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Stocks and Bonds, \$1,032,178.43
Cash in Office and Bank, 282,461.18
Agents' Balances, 360,856.29
Bills Receivable, 2,337.00
Interest and Rents, 23,523.30
All other Assets, 16,870.60

Gross Assets, \$2,718,245.40
Deduct items not admitted, 20,428.15

Admitted Assets, \$2,697,817.25
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 213,795.01
Unearned Premiums, 1,213,400.51
All other Liabilities, 31,551.09
Cash Capital, 212,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,077,966.40

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,718,245.40

NEWARK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEWARK, N. J.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$186,220.47
Mortgage Loans, 497,995.75
Stocks and Bonds, 1,128,665.38
Cash in Office and Bank, 129,275.11
Agents' Balances, 213,200.33
Interest and Rents, 18,706.40
All other Assets, 200.00

Gross Assets, \$2,174,300.44
Deduct items not admitted, 33,322.94

Admitted Assets, \$2,140,977.50
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$139,947.91
Unearned Premiums, 1,043,302.37
All other Liabilities, 23,634.18
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 432,012.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,140,977.50

BOSTON INSURANCE CO. 87 KILBY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$513,073.92
Mortgage Loans, 366,600.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,208,361.98
Cash in Office and Bank, 571,593.03
Agents' Balances, 704,491.00
Bills Receivable, 50,007.03
Interest and Rents, 27,216.50
All other Assets, 4,998.33

Gross Assets, \$7,447,032.83
Deduct items not admitted, 343,424.71

Admitted Assets, \$7,103,608.12
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$781,407.59
Unearned Premiums, 2,542,637.59
All other Liabilities, 230,000.00
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 2,549,562.79

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,103,608.12

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.,
80 MAIDEN LANE, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$ 250.00
Mortgage Loans, 231,750.00
Stocks and Bonds, 2,809,554.02
Cash in Office and Bank, 97,073.23
Agents' Balances, 2,000.00
Premiums in course of collection, 308,220.64
Interest and Rents, 19,550.64
All other Assets, 45,474.89

Gross Assets, \$3,405,374.79
Deduct items not admitted, 215,169.40

Admitted Assets, \$3,190,205.39
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$500,400.00
Unearned Premiums, 1,084,822.98
All other Liabilities, 238,916.41
Cash Capital, 500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 800,000.00

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,190,205.39

THE CENTRAL MANUFACTURERS' MUTUAL INS. CO., VAN WERT, OHIO.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$ 40,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 140,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 448,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 90,724.75
Agents' Balances, 111,230.04
Interest and Rents, 6,850.21
All other Assets, 9,076.00

Gross Assets, \$805,831.00
Deduct items not admitted, 215,169.40

Admitted Assets, \$590,661.60
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 36,204.31
Unearned Premiums, 321,337.77
All other Liabilities, 39,586.07
Surplus over all Liabilities, 480,402.85

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$590,661.60

AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$3,415,000.00
Mortgage Loans, 24,705.69
Collateral Loans, 71,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 3,225,215.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,519,245.31
Agents' Balances, 739,910.25
Interest and Rents, 40,005.80
All other Assets, 164,445.52

Gross Assets, \$8,059,830.47
Deduct items not admitted, 441,338.83

Admitted Assets, \$7,618,491.64
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 746,220.19
Unearned Premiums, 2,053,118.17
All other Liabilities, 247,504.71
Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,101,658.47

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,618,491.64

U. S. BRANCH SUN INSURANCE OF FICE.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Real Estate, \$171,925.04
Stocks and Bonds, 3,826,473.04
Cash in Office and Bank, 465,718.11
Agents' Balances, 501,294.75
Interest and Rents, 57,876.49
All other Assets, 48,897.30

Gross Assets, \$5,072,184.73
Deduct items not admitted, 528,870.75

Admitted Assets, \$4,543,313.98
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$240,500.00
Unearned Premiums, 2,771,375.72
All other Liabilities, 73,580.07
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,457,837.19

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$4,543,313.98

PRELAW HOWE INS. AGENCY,
Norway, Oxford County, Me.

THE STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. OF DETROIT, MICH.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.

Mortgage Loans, \$130,650.00
Collateral Loans, 18,365.73
Stocks and Bonds, 4,509,902.93
Cash in Office and Bank, 190,126.86
Interest and Rents, 82,903.86
All other Assets, 549,532.80

Gross Assets, \$5,535,482.18
Deduct items not admitted, 113,404.97

Admitted Assets, \$5,422,077.21
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1915.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$1,730,207.37
Unearned Premiums, 1,201,972.22
All other Liabilities, 236,803.87
Cash Capital, 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,180,048.75

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$5,422,077.21

STUART W. GOODWIN, Agent,
Norway, Maine.

THE HOME INSURANCE

